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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/49/606)]

49/156. United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/101 of 20 December 1993,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/21 of 25 July 1994,

Aware of the financial difficulties that the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders continues to face as a result of the fact that many States of the African region are in the category of least developed countries and therefore lack the necessary resources with which to support the Institute,

Conscious of the efforts made thus far by the Institute in fulfilling its mandate through, inter alia, the organization of training programmes and regional seminars, as well as the provision of advisory services,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

1. Commends the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders for the activities it has undertaken, despite the difficulties it faces in fulfilling its mandate, as reflected in the progress report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes; 2/

1/ A/49/712.

2/ E/CN.15/1994/10 and Corr.1, paras. 71-84.

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and intergovernmental bodies which have supported the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. Appeals to Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and technical support to the Institute to enable it to fulfil its objectives, particularly those concerning training, technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Institute is provided with adequate funds, within the overall appropriation of the programme budget and from extrabudgetary resources, and to submit proposals for any necessary additional funding of the Institute, in accordance with paragraph 32 of section II of General Assembly resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to provide additional resources to the Institute in the context of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue providing appropriate funds for the institutional strengthening and the implementation of the programme of work of the Institute, taking into account the difficult economic and financial situation faced by many countries in the African region;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure proper follow-up with all concerned on the implementation of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session and to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourth session.

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49/157. Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and the promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recalling its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in the annex to which it affirmed that United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders should be held every five years to provide a forum for the exchange of views between States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines, the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recalling also its resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake all steps necessary to ensure the adequate organization of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993,

Recognizing the important contribution made to the preparation for the Ninth Congress by the five regional preparatory meetings for the Congress, and the recommendations therefrom, as reflected in the reports of those

meetings, 1/

Welcoming the recommendations made by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its third session on the organizational and substantive preparations for the Ninth Congress, as reflected in its report, 2/ and in Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 of 25 July 1994,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, 3/ and of the progress made so far in the preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

2. Approves the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19, and requests the Secretary-General to translate them into action;

3. Takes note of the note verbale dated 1 December 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office at Vienna;

4. Accepts with gratitude the generous invitation of the Government of Egypt to act as host for the Ninth Congress, to be held at Cairo;

5. Decides to hold the Ninth Congress at Cairo from 29 April to 10 May 1995, including two days for pre-Congress consultations;

6. Expresses the hope that the Ninth Congress will make a major contribution to the solution of problems related to crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the substantive and organizational arrangements for the Ninth Congress are adequate for the outcome of the Congress, and to provide the required resources for that purpose, based on a statement of financial implications in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/19 and to the present resolution;

8. Reiterates its invitation to Governments to participate actively in the preparations for the Ninth Congress, particularly through the submission of national position papers on different agenda items, the establishment, as appropriate, of national committees and focal points, the encouragement of contributions from the academic community and relevant scientific institutions and the participation in the Congress of national correspondents in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

9. Calls upon the specialized agencies, concerned United Nations bodies, regional institutes and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the Ninth Congress and to give the necessary attention and priority to national, regional and international measures aimed at preventing crime and improving the quality of the administration of justice;

1/ A/CONF.169/RPM.1/Rev.1 and Corr.1, A/CONF.169/RPM.2, A/CONF.169/RPM.3 and Corr.1, A/CONF.169/RPM.4 and A/CONF.169/RPM.5.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 11 (E/1994/31).

3/ A/49/593.

10. Decides that the theme for the Ninth Congress shall be "Less crime, more justice: security for all";

11. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate the broader participation of developing countries by providing the necessary resources for the travel and per diem of delegations from least developed countries, in accordance with paragraph 13 (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32, from within the limits of available resources, and by exploring the possibility of obtaining contributions for this purpose from all sources available, including governmental, intergovernmental and the relevant non-governmental organization donors;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite twenty expert consultants to participate in the Ninth Congress at the expense of the United Nations, in accordance with paragraph 13 (f) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32;

13. Calls upon the Ninth Congress to formulate concrete recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the United Nations activities and mechanisms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, taking into account the recommendations made by the regional preparatory meetings and paying particular attention to the operational activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme;

14. Requests the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to give priority attention at its fourth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Ninth Congress, with a view to recommending appropriate follow-up, through the Economic and Social Council, by the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

15. Decides to consider this subject at its fiftieth session.

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49/158. Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the direct relevance of crime prevention and criminal justice to sustained development, stability, security and improved quality of life,

Convinced of the desirability of closer coordination and cooperation among States in combating crime, including drug-related crimes such as terrorism, illicit arms trade and money laundering, and bearing in mind the role that could be played by both the United Nations and regional organizations in this respect,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing the urgent need to increase technical cooperation activities to assist countries, particularly developing countries and countries in transition, with their efforts in translating United Nations policy guidelines into practice, including training and upgrading of national capacities,

Stressing the urgent need to improve regional, interregional and international cooperation and coordination of activities aimed at combating crime in its multifaceted aspects,

Noting the continued increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat, as well as the considerable obstacles to the full and effective implementation of its programme activities, resulting from the lack of appropriate institutional capacity,

Convinced that the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch can be effective only if it is provided with resources commensurate to its requirements and adequate to allow it to implement its mandates and to respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/11 of 21 May 1986, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to look critically at the existing structure and level of management of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, with a view to strengthening its capacity and status commensurate to its responsibility,

Recalling also its resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991 on the creation of an effective United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in which it approved the statement of principles and programme of action annexed to the resolution, in which it was recommended to the Secretary-General that an upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division should be effected as soon as possible,

Recalling further its resolution 48/103 of 20 December 1993, in which it reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and to upgrade, as a matter of urgency, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Brancht to a division,

Recalling its relevant resolutions as well as the decisions of the Economic and Social Council, which accorded a high level of priority to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and requested an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme,

Concerned about the fact that despite the repeated calls by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to a division, action has not been taken to give effect to Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 of 16 December 1992 and 48/103, and Council resolutions 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, 1993/31 and 1993/34 of 27 July 1993 and 1994/16 of 25 July 1994,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, 1/

1. Welcomes with appreciation Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/16 of 25 July 1994, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme";

2. Reaffirms the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the crucial role it has to play in promoting international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, in responding to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality and in assisting Member States in achieving the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime;

3. Also reaffirms the priority of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with its resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103, and the need for an appropriate share of the existing resources of the United Nations for the programme;

1/ A/49/593.

4. Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give effect to its resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22, 1993/31, 1993/34 and 1994/16 by providing the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme with sufficient resources for the full implementation of its mandates, in conformity with the high priority attached to the programme;

5. Recognizes that operational activities and technical assistance should continue to receive priority attention among United Nations activities in crime prevention and criminal justice;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate funds to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme to respond to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources;

7. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat into a division, in accordance with resolutions 46/152, 47/91 and 48/103 and taking fully into account paragraphs 2 and 11 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/16;

8. Welcomes the appointment of two interregional advisers in crime prevention and criminal justice;

9. Calls upon States and funding agencies to make significant financial contributions for operational activities for crime prevention and criminal justice, and encourages all States to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Trust Fund, taking also into account the activities required for the implementation of the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime; 2/

10. Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate, as appropriate, the creation of joint initiatives and the joint formulation and implementation of technical assistance projects, benefiting developing countries and countries in transition, involving interested donor countries and funding agencies, particularly the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, with a view to establishing and maintaining efficient criminal justice systems as an essential component of developmental efforts;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General further to strengthen cooperation between the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to assist the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the principal policy-making body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in performing its functions and to ensure the proper coordination of all relevant activities in the field, in particular with the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

13. Welcomes the contributions made by the programme in helping States upon request, including requests channelled through United Nations peace-keeping operations, in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22, and requests the Secretary-General to continue developing basic courses on United Nations norms and guidelines in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, which can be used, as necessary, for training peace-keeping and emergency

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2/ See A/49/748, sect. I.

mission personnel and, upon the request of Member States, their national counterparts, as called for in Council resolution 1993/34;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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